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## THE NATIONS AND GOLD.

While the silver monometalists are arguing against "the iniquitous gold standard" it may be well to reprint today a statement showing what the nations have done with silver during the last 25 years:

1871—Germany adopted a gold standard.

1873—Belgium suspended standard silver coinage.

1873—Holland suspended silver coinage.

1873—Denmark adopted a gold standard.

1873—Germany demonetized silver coinage.

1873—Norway adopted a gold standard.

1873—Sweden adopted a gold standard.

1874—Latin Union (France, Italy, Belgium, Greece and Switzerland) limited their silver coinage.

1875—Suspension of silver coinage in Italy.

1875—Switzerland declined to coin the quota of silver under the Latin Union.

1875—Suspension of silver coinage on account of Dutch colonies.

1876—France suspended the coinage of silver.

1877—Finland adopted the gold standard.

1878—Spain suspended the free coinage of silver.

1878—The Latin Union (France, Italy, Belgium, Greece and Switzerland) suspended the coinage of silver, except subsidiary coins.

1879—Austria-Hungary suspended free coinage of silver.

1885—Egypt adopted a gold standard.

1890—Roumania adopted a gold standard.

1891—Tunis adopted a gold standard.

1892—Austria-Hungary adopted a gold standard.

1893—Mints of India closed to the coinage of silver.

1893—Russia decided to coin \$100,000,000 gold rubles.

1895—Chili adopted the gold standard.

1896—Costa Rica adopted the gold standard.

1878, 1888, 1892—Three international conferences held to try to re-establish the use of silver were unsuccessful.

Little comment is needed. Yet while the other nations of the world were demonetizing silver the United States increased the amount of legal tender of silver 50 fold in the face of 50 per cent fall in the value of silver, an experiment, by the way which cost the government \$200,000,000.

It does not require very much mathematical genius to see what would happen to the United States if free and unlimited coinage of silver were to be decided upon.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is an antiseptic, soothing and healing application for burns, scalds, cuts, bruises, etc., and cures piles like magic. It instantly stops pain. H. C. Pierce, Barton.

A COURAGEOUS EXPERIMENT.

The experiment of rural free delivery so eloquently advocated by ex-Postmaster General Wanamaker is to be actually tried in sample counties in New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and other states. It is proposed to deliver mail by carrier to farmers as it is now delivered in the cities.

When every important county road shall have an electric railroad on it as it will in another thirty years, this may be possible. But to undertake it now, when the Treasury has a deficit which does not seem to be diminishing, shows extraordinary courage.

It is done successfully in France and other European countries, it is true, but the single state of Texas is as large as France. Of course, if free delivery is begun in one state it must be extended to all. And if it is done thoroughly. It would probably take more than the present revenues of the department to make a thorough delivery in Texas alone. And it would certainly take more than the present revenues of all departments of the government to make a general delivery throughout the entire country.

Still, the experiment shows courage, and without courage it is useless to expect the millennium.—N. Y. World

They are so little you hardly know you are taking them. They cause no griping, yet they act quickly and most thoroughly. Such are the famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers. Small in size, great in results. H. C. Pierce, Barton.

Bourke Cockran, the eloquent orator of New York, not always a democrat, is dealing some sledge hammer blows in behalf of national honor and financial integrity, which he believes can best be served by the election of William McKinley. In a recent speech at Baltimore, Mr. Cockran, after declaring, "the republican party is waging a manly fight for sound money, protecting your fortunes, your homes, the savings of five million depositors in the savings banks of your state and your wages," added:

"Is it a bitter pill to use the only remedy in sight! Thank God for the opportunity, and act with them (the

republicans) for they have not yielded to temptation and their courage has protected American honesty, integrity, wages, and property, and why should I be afraid to cast my ballot for McKinley? I am talking to the business man and wage-earner, who believe that Bryan's success means ruin to wages, to home, hope, aspirations, and fortunes. If I believe it to be ruin, why should not I vote for the only one who has the ghost of a chance of being elected? My advice is to cast your ballot so that it will count twice and not once."

It is a fearful thing in winter. What is? Shipwreck. So is a racking, tearing cough; in winter, or any other time. A good idea to have Adamson's Botanic Cough Balsam always in the house.

## THE NEW CZAR AND THE NEW RUSSIA.

The heavy purchases of steel-working machinery now being made by the Russian government in the United States are highly significant incidents of the new czar's policy.

He has clearly shown his determination to abandon the exclusive pursuit of military distinction and to push his country along the path of development already followed by the United States.

The conditions are most favorable for the success of his policy. In five years the business of Russian railroads has increased 25,000,000 tons, a gain of 50 per cent., and in the same period there was a gain of 33 per cent in passenger business. In 20 years the exports of Russia have increased a full third, and in 1892 it turned out nearly 23,000,000 tons of iron, as against less than 9,000,000 tons in 1880. Its average increase in population since 1867 has been at the rate of 1,500,000 a year, and in other ways it is showing evidence of growth much more remarkable than the outside world has taken the trouble to understand.

Its era of greatest progress dates from the abolition of serfdom, and its experience confirms that of the United States, that increasing freedom means a corresponding increase in prosperity and national greatness.

A hacking cough is not only annoying to others, but is dangerous to the person who has it. One Minute Cough Cure will quickly put an end to it. H. C. Pierce, Barton.

## NOT THE RIGHT TEST.

Mr. Bryan saw fit the other day to indulge in a little fling at President Cleveland, who, he said, came into office with an exceptional majority, and went out supporting a party which could not carry a single county in the United States.

It suits Mr. Bryan's purpose to deride the President and scoff at the national democratic party; but he knows perfectly well, what every fair-minded man understands, that the strength of the sound money democrats will not be measured by the vote cast for Palmer and Buckner electors. Possibly Mr. Bryan's fling may be true, and there may not be a single county in the United States in which the Palmer and Buckner electoral ticket will have a majority; but for all that, the sound money democratic movement, of which the national democratic ticket is one expression, stands for hundreds of thousands of voters.

We say advisedly that the national democratic ticket is one expression of the sound money democratic movement, because another and larger expression of it is taking the form of direct support of the republican candidates. Taking the whole country into view, and making allowance for the fact that a number of States where the sound money sentiment among democrats is strong no Palmer and Buckner electors will be nominated, it is probably a safe computation that for every democrat who votes for Palmer and Buckner there will be five McKinley electors.

## All Free.

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Markus S. Quay of the Republican National committee gives out the following:

"The election of McKinley and Hobart is an accomplished and assured fact. They will receive 270 electoral votes. Bryan will receive 110, and there are six states, having 67 electoral votes, which are doubtful; but the probabilities all point to the fact that these 67 votes will go into the Republican column and be added to the 270 now assured for McKinley and Hobart. This is the status today. We have the election and will hold it. Our present effort in the West to this end only. The opposition have abandoned the East."

Chronic constipation is a painful, disagreeable and life-shortening difficulty. It deranges the system, causes sick headache, bad breath, and poisons the blood. It can be readily overcome by DeWitt's Little Early Risers. These little pills are great regulators. H. C. Pierce, Barton.

## SPAIN'S LAST STRUGGLE.

The Spanish government has evidenced in several ways that the Cuban troubles are becoming irksome. The element of expense is the worst feature of the fruitless effort to suppress the insurrection. There is no sympathy with the government on the part of the people, and the army is recruited by men serving against their will. Now comes a story of a statement by an officer of high rank in the Spanish army to the effect that the troops will be withdrawn from Cuba and the island abandoned in March, unless the rebellion has been suppressed by that time.

The preparations in progress for a desperate effort to crush the Cubans in the next few months bears out the probability of this statement being true. The dry season in Cuba is at hand and is the best time for action on the part of the Spanish. Then again, the Spanish are said to be very confident that McKinley will be elected, and with him in the Presidential chair they anticipate a quite different policy from that of the present administration with regard to Cuba, a policy that would lessen the chances of Spanish success, if there are any such chances.

Meanwhile the Cuban patriots seem to be in excellent condition to resist their oppressors. Those who are in a position to know declare Maceo's position impregnable, and it seems altogether unlikely that all the troops that Spain's borrowed gold can pour into the island will be able to put any different complexion upon affairs in Cuba, before March, if ever. The hope for Cuban liberty seems especially good just now.

Tetter, eczema and all similar skin troubles are cured by the use of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It soothes at once, and restores the tissues to their natural condition, and never fails to cure piles. H. C. Pierce, Barton.

## THE COST OF "FREE LUMBER."

Free lumber seems to have had the same unfortunate effect as free wool upon the prosperity of the American producers. According to the returns of the commercial agencies, free trade in lumber has resulted in larger failures among lumber manufacturers since the Gorman-Wilson tariff was passed than in any other industry except the manufacture of woolen goods. The American Economist has received reports from 290 American lumber mills, giving the number of hands they were employing last July, and the amount of the wages they paid during the month, as compared with July of 1892, the last year during which the McKinley act was in normal operation, which shows that our experiment with free lumber has resulted in reducing by about 43 per cent the number of workmen in American lumber mills, and in reducing the earnings of labor in like proportion. It is obvious that the time had not yet come when the American lumber industry could safely dispense with tariff protection.

Another and an incidental though important result of this blundering exploit of "tariff reform" is that by unconditionally repealing our lumber duties we have given away in advance one of the essentials of the negotiation of an equitable reciprocity treaty with Canada.

The dyspeptic carries a dreadful load on his back. It seems as if he were really made up of two men. One of them ambitious, brainy and energetic; the other sick, listless, peevish and without force. The weak man weighs the other one down. The dyspeptic may be able to do pretty good work one day, and the next day because of some little indiscretion in eating, he may be able to do nothing at all. Most cases of dyspepsia start with constipation. Constipation is the cause of nine-tenths of all human sickness. Some of its symptoms are sick and bilious headache, dizziness, sour stomach, loss of appetite, foul breath, windy belchings, heartburn, pain and distress after eating. All these are indicative of derangements of the liver, stomach and bowels, and all are caused by constipation. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the quickest, easiest and most certain cure for this condition. They are not violent in action. Send 21 cents in one-cent stamps to World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y., and receive Dr. Pierce's 1008 page Common Sense Medical Adviser, illustrated.

"The more the Czar's Paris visit is discussed," says the London correspondent of the New York Post, "the more weighty does it appear as an international event that the Czar should be the first sovereign to brush aside the notion that the French republic is a mere parvenue among nations, not respectable enough to be included in the official visiting list. Other princes visit France incognito, for personal pleasure. The Czar pays her a visit of courtesy. The Emperor William was the last imperial visitor to Versailles. He came from Sedan. With natural pride the French say that the Czar's visit effaces the footprints left during the nightmare of 1870. They dream again of Alsace-Lorraine, and 'la revanche,' yet the Czar, in his brief and polite speeches, has not once used the word alliance. Russia's policy is still peace and the status quo. France sore and neglected, was a standing menace to Europe, France associated with Russia is a guarantee of tranquility."

You can be well when your blood is pure, rich and nourishing for nerves and muscles. The blood is the vital fluid, and when it is poor, thin and impure you must either suffer from distressing disease or you will easily fall a victim to sudden changes, exposure, or overwork. Keep your blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla and be well. Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pill; assist digestion, cure headache. 25 cents.

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